

Proposed Bill No. 5442

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LCO No. 602

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by: REP. GIANNAROS, 21st Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE BENEFITS FOR RELATIVE CAREGIVERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the sum of ____ dollars be appropriated to the Department of
- 2 Social Services, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June
- 3 30, 2008, for the purpose of increasing the amount of benefits available
- 4 to relative caregivers under the temporary family assistance program
- 5 to the amount granted to relative caregivers under the Department of
- 6 Children and Families' subsidized guardianship program. In order to
- 7 receive such increased benefits, the relative caregiver must meet
- 8 certain income eligibility requirements.

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the amount of temporary family assistance benefits available to grandparents and other relative caregivers to the amount relative caregivers receive under the subsidized guardianship program.